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## LITERARY SOCIETIES IN JOINT MEETING

Debate Council and Freshman Contest Officials  
Elected—Preliminaries of Freshman Contest  
Staged.

Last Saturday night the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies met in joint session in the Phoenix Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint members for the Debate Council for the following session, and elect officers for the Freshmen Contest, which was decided to be held on Dec. 14.

The president of the Philomathean Society presided, and the following men were appointed members of the Debate Council: A. P. Robinson and L. E. Warren from the Phoenix; W. H. Cheatham, E. B. Broadwater and C. S. Mooreman from the Philomathean. Then the following officers were elected for the Freshman contest: C. L. Charlton, president; N. J. Webb, timekeeper; E. B. Broadwater and W. E. Garber, marshals. There being no further business to be transacted the meeting adjourned, and the societies proceeded with the Freshmen Preliminary contests.

On account of the absence from college of several of the freshmen on November 24th, this preliminary contest had been postponed until last Saturday night. However, several freshmen who were trying to represent their respective literary societies in reading declamation and oration were allowed to appear and be criticized by the literary critic, but not be selected until the regular set date.

Last Saturday night all the freshmen who were competing for the honor of appearing in some of the branches of literary society work had the privilege of attempting to cover himself with glory. Among those who entered the preliminary contest were freshmen whose work showed extraordinary interest, however only one man could win in each of the four phases, namely, reading declamation, oration and debate. The winners in the Phoenix Hall who will appear in the final contest to be held in the College Chapel on the night of December 14th to be judged whether or not they are

capable of holding the Freshman Literary Banner for the present year are: H. L. Spain, reading; A. W. Johnson, declamation; J. B. Chappell, oration; and L. H. Settle, debate.

Those who are confident that the banner was won from the Philomathean Hall last year only by chance, that it is not now where it belongs and who will meet the Phoenixians and adjust the whole matter are: R. A. Magill, reading; F. F. Inman, declamation; A. G. Craig, oration; and N. E. Wicker, debate.

Every man at college will do well to go to this contest. For those who contemplate entering the preliminary contests for the inter-collegiate debates will be able to form an idea of what kind of debaters they will have to compete with in order to help represent the college in these debates. Go to hear the freshmen, give them your support.

## SPORT GLEANINGS

Hampden-Spdney is fortunate this year in returning so many athletes. They had seven to return for the gridiron sport, and now has four better men to depend upon as a nucleus for her quint. Look out for the Tigers!

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Lately there has been much campus gossip as to how many men we shall get on this year's mythical All-Eastern Eleven. Last year we had three men and it is without doubt that we were stronger this past season, so the decision goes that there should be just as many and some more.

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The quint is now hard at work and justly deserves support. This can be no better shown than by watching their practice in the gym every afternoon.

## QUINT AT WORK

Murry Only Letter Man to Return—Hudson, Mapp, and Henley Showing up Well—  
Stephens, Webb, and Lassiter Not  
in Suits Yet.

The Indian quint has now started practice in earnest and the prospects, taking them all in all, are very bright for a team that will make the other contenders of the Eastern Virginia Association hustle. The fact that every team, with the exception of the Tigers, have lost practically four-fifths of their letters, will probably make the championship race much closer than it was last year.

The Spiders have one man of last year's varsity to return, this being Dickerson. Dickerson was one of most consistent forwards in the league last year and without doubt will be a good "cog" for the Richmond quint.

Smoot, playing guard on last year's team, is the only letter man the Jackets have back. Nothing can be said of him except that he will probably make the Ashlanders an exceptionally good man with the experience that he received last year.

The Tigers who have just won the football championship have four letter men from which to build a team this year. These men are all experienced and are good material for any quint. They are: Graham, Warren, McUwane, and Crosby.

As for the Indians, they have Murry their star forward of last year and one of the best in the league last year. Murry is consistent and a dangerous man, especially when guarded.

The prospects for an exceptionally strong team this year at William and Mary are very encouraging. Of course the loss of Robertson, Geddy and Maddox is keenly felt, but Coach Young has some very good men from last year's squad, although they did not make their letters. The most prominent of these men are Stephens, Mapp, and Webb. Hudson and Henley, both of the Academy team of last year, are showing up well at the forward position. The former, so far has a little on the latter, but who is to fill the position as a running mate to Captain Murry is as yet a question undecided. For center, Stephens

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## AT FORT MEYER

William and Mary Students Receive High  
Honors—Dr. Davis Receives First  
Lieutenancy

The recent Fort Meyer appointments include the names of quite a number of former William and Mary students and a member of last year's Faculty. All the men received high honors and much praise for their work done during the second encampment of the officers reserve force at Fort Meyer. Every man to receive his commission was well-known and prominent during his stay at this institute of learning. Among them to receive commissions were:

S. H. Hubbard, Alumnus and former coach, received a First Lieutenant's commission. "Sam" when a student here was active in all phases of college life. After graduating he became instructor in the Academy and coach of its athletic teams. Last year he was chosen to coach the Indian athletics.

R. B. Gayle better known as "Dick" graced the Campus two years ago, when he made his departure with the letters A. B. attached to his name and while a student he was prominent as an athlete of no mean ability. He received his commission as Second Lieutenant and is now stationed at Fortress Monroe.

H. S. Maynard, a student here for several years was appointed Second Lieutenant and will be stationed at Anniston, Alabama.

R. M. Williams received his commission and now is stationed at Anniston, Alabama. "Bones" was a student here last year and was very popular with his fellow "ducs."

R. W. Copeland was a Junior here last year, but now holds down a First Lieutenancy in the U. S. R. "Copy" while a student here played on the football team and was always ready to do his "bit" in other activities.

Dr. D. W. Davis, who filled the chair of Biology last year received his commission as First Lieutenant. Dr. Davis was very popular with the student body and highly esteemed by them as a professor.

Time, indeed, is a sacred gift, and each day is a little life—Sir John Lubbock.



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The term, "slacker," is an approbrious one in that it includes in its general application those who may have just reasons for avoiding military service, as well as those who have no worthy cause, and whose only genuine reason is cowardice or a warped idealism.

Circumstances, financial or otherwise, have held hundreds of young men back from enlistment up until now, but changing with changing conditions, many men find themselves in a position to enlist when they were not able to do so before. Such men are at loss to select a service.

Those whom chance has made free for action at this time may consider themselves fortunate, for a few days ago one of the most popular services in the country announced that it was ready for several thousand more recruits. This service is the Naval Reserve Force, whose personal standard has been so high that it might be said to be one of the rare organizations in which enlisted men, of sufficient force, education, and intelligence to deserve recognition by a commission. The truth of this statement is attested by the fact that men are being selected for ensigns and assigned later to small boats or general service with an independent command.

Furthermore, advancement in rating is constantly open, and men with skill as carpenter, mechanical, electrical, stenographic, and an infinite number of other types of work will find themselves rated in some artificer's branch. Everyone with a special talent—mechanical draftsmen, musicians, and other types will find that their special talent is of direct military and pay value in the Reserve. Students, before enlisting, consider this select branch of the service.

## ACADEMY PROTEST

In a previous issue of the Flat Hat there was an article on the organization of the Academy in classes and athletics. Since then both have been changed.

There was over one hundred dollars paid in this year by the Academy students for their athletic fees. On the account of the smallness of this sum and the smallness of the student body it was decided to have a basket ball team only. A manager was elected, some dates arranged and some of the students "went out" for practice. Later it was found that the Academy of last year had gone in debt to the college and signed away the rights of the Academy of this year to have athletics at all. The athletic fund of the present Academy was to pay the debt.

While not disputing the fact that when we came into the Academy this year we came into an organization and accepted this organization as we found it and that we accepted the liabilities and assets of that organization. But we do not think that by single justice we have received a fair deal. Stop and consider a second, first the students who signed this agreement. Every student who signed this paper has either entered college or have not come back to school at all. Those who have not come back have received full benefit of the fund and the loan, and those who have entered college not only received the full benefits of last years success but are profiting by the loan this year. What we mean is that they are being paid a debt which they themselves contracted. The question remains, what right has one class of men to sign away the rights of another.

On account of the fact that there was not a two-thirds majority of the students present at the last election, all the officers resigned and new ones were elected. The men elected were: President, J. A. Zehmer; Vice president, J. S. Motley; Secretary, W. H. Drewry; Treas., A. F. Copeland; Historian, T. Murphy; Chaplin, S. E. Carmein; Mgr. Basketball Team, W. E. Pullen.

## QUINT AT WORK

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has the call over the few others out for this position, but if someone of ability develops, he will probably be shifted to one of the guard positions where he played last year. Mapp, a substitute of last year; is making a strong bid for a guard position. All the football men have not started regular practice yet, but will do so in the next few days. Among the most prominent, besides Stephens and Webb, are: Garber, Chisholm, Lassiter and Brooks, all of whom will make someone hustle for a place on this year's Indian quint.

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Many of the students spent Thanksgiving at their homes.

Coach Young went to Richmond to see the W. and L. and W. and J. game.

The football season having closed the squad, which had been drilling under Lieuts. Ferguson and Frys, has been broken up and the men assigned to the two companies. The demerit system has also been inaugurated and if any man receives as many as ten demerits in one week he will have to walk penalty tour on Friday afternoons after company inspection.

"Giraffe" Stephens spent Thanksgiving in Washington in the interest of the "Colonial Echo."

Lieut. W. C. Ferguson, U. S. A., stopped for a short visit to his brother, W. F. C. Ferguson last week. Lieut. Ferguson was instructor in Biology last year, but entered the R. O. T. C. at Ft. Myer and is now stationed at Fort Monroe.

Lieut. S. H. Maynard, a student here last year; but now in the National Army is visiting his parents near town for a few days.

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